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The more you lean on others, the leaner your chances for success.

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Medford Urges Passage Of School Amendment

Plan Called 'Salvation' Of Schools

(See Sample Ballot on Editorial Page)

Senator William Medford, in addressing a Haywood audience here Tuesday night on the school amendment, urged his listeners to pass the amendment in orde to "pres the public schools of North Carolina."

Senator Medford was one of the seven members of the special education advisory committee appointed in August, 1955, to work out a program to submit to the special session of the General Assembly last July.

Senator Medford told his audience: "I feel that the public school amendment and the other three amendments to be voted on Saturday are all good."

In speaking of the Pearsall Plan, or school amendment, he said: "I feel that the plan is the only salvation for the schools of North Carolina. If Tennessee had had the plan, they might not have had the trouble they are now undergoing at Clinton and nearby communities."

Representative Jerry Rogers, in a few brief remarks following Senator Medford's address said, "The

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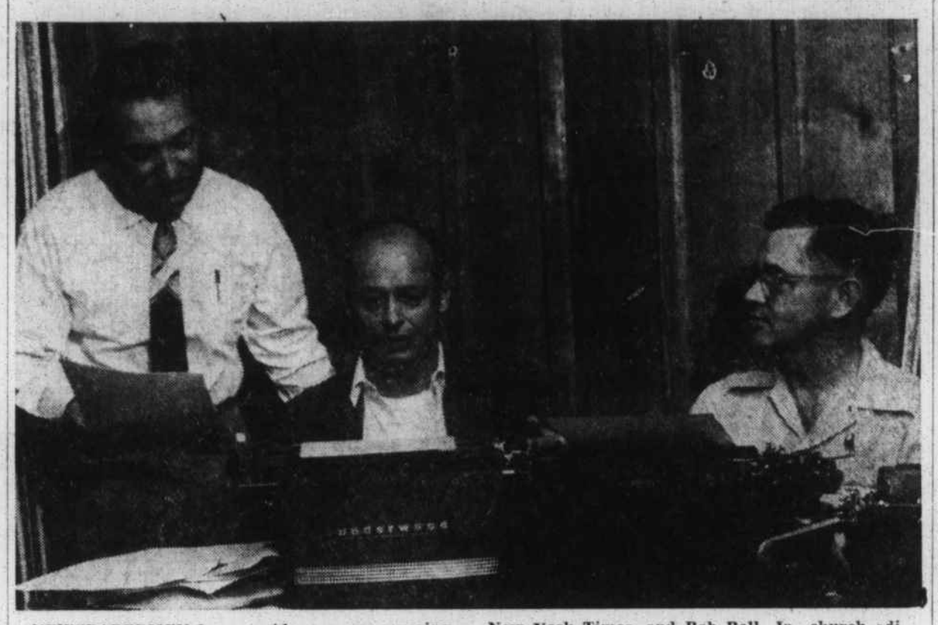

NEWSPAPERMEN from a wide area are covering the World Methodist Council at Lake Junaluska. Here O. B. Fanning, left, of Methodist information, is conferring with George Dugan, of The New York Times, and Bob Bell, Jr., church editor of The Nashville Banner, in the special press rooms at the Lake. Thousands of words flow out of the news center daily. (Mountaineer Photo).

World Methodists Having Outstanding Programs

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Highlights of the coming weekend's programs at the World Methodist Conference at Lake Junaluska promise to be addresses Sunday morning and Sunday evening by Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta and Dr. W. Edwin Sangster of England.

Bishop Moore will deliver the sermon at the 11 a.m. Worship Service; and Dr. Sangster will be the speaker at the 7:30 p.m. service. The latter will be conducted according to the Order of the British Methodist Church by the Rev. W. Russell Shearer.

Visitors are still arriving to register for the meeting, officials report.

One feature of today's schedule is the first purely recreational event planned for visitors. At 2:30 p.m. a trip has been arranged to the Cherokee Indian Reservation and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. A trip to Pisgah Forest is planned for Saturday.

At about 11 o'clock each morn-

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22 Masons To Receive Awards Here

John M. Queen, Waynesville attorney, will receive a Masonic 50-year veteran's emblem and 21 other Masons will receive 25-year certificates at a meeting of Waynesville Masonic Lodge 259, AF&AM, at 8 p.m. Friday.

Receiving certificates for 25 years of continuous membership in the Masonic order will be:

F. M. Howell, J. I. Green, M. H. Gaddis, R. J. Fowler, G. C. Farmer, B. H. Burress, C. N. Allen, V. C. Nobeck, J. A. Gwyn, J. W. Norwood, W. A. Bradley, B. W. West, S. H. Stevenson, Cordell Russell, C. J. Reece, R. L. Prevost, G. F. Plott, D. H. Noland, J. F. McClure, E. P. Martin, and P. R. Launer.

Following the business session, an "Old-Timers Night" program will be held with Col. James Hardin Howell, Sr. as principal speaker.

All Master Masons of this area are invited to attend the program Friday night.

Escapee Tries To Hide In Bed Of Poison Ivy

A 24-year-old Canton man who escaped from a prison work gang took refuge in a bed of poison ivy as a means to try and hide from searching officers—but he lost, and is back in jail—and perhaps by now is suffering from itchy, burning skin caused by the poison ivy.

Herman Medford was arrested Wednesday afternoon by three deputies and two Canton police as he lay in the deep bed of poison near his East Canton home.

Medford walked away from the road gang at the Peachtree Prison, Murphy, August 28th.

The thoughts of a gay Labor Day weekend, plus the fear of hitting another nest of yellow jackets as he cleared right-of-way brush, caused the man to leave his work as a prisoner. He was sentenced in Superior Court here last July.

The similarity of Medford's first name — Herman — and the first name of Deputy Vernon Messer, proved the downfall for the young man revealing his hiding place in the ivy. Had it not been for that, he might still be enjoying his freedom, which included attending the Labor Day parade and dance.

Wednesday three deputies, Gene Howell, Vernon Messer and Charlie Jones, together with Canton Policemen Joe Smathers and Bud Thompson, decided to see if Herman was home.

Deputy Jones, and Policemen Smathers and Thompson went to the home, while Howell and Messer took another route walking down the Southern tracks. They found tracks up a path, and decided to investigate. Messer went up the path, and Howell up another trail. Howell saw something move and called out softly: "Vernon".

Deputy Messer did not answer but a voice from the brush did say: "What?"

Again Deputy Howell called out, and for the second time a voice not Deputy Messer's an-

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Dooly And Associates Donate Large Lot Adjoining Recreation Center

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Lot Next To Entrance To New Center

A lot, 200 feet square, right at the entrance of the Recreation Center has been donated to the Commission by W. I. Dooly, and associates, it was announced today by Richard Bradley, president of the commission.

The lot is the former Galloway sawmill site, and was acquired by Mr. Dooly and his associates from C. D. Ketner.

Plans are to remove the excess dirt from the lot by early spring, it was pointed out this morning.

Bradley said today: "The increasing interest in the Recreation Center; the completion of the pool, and now the generous gift of Mr. Dooly and associates, proves that the people of this area are determined to have the finest Recreation Center that it is practical to have."

When contacted today, Dooly had this comment to make:

"We feel that the swimming pool is but the first step in making the Recreation Center the focal point of all worthy Community Activity;

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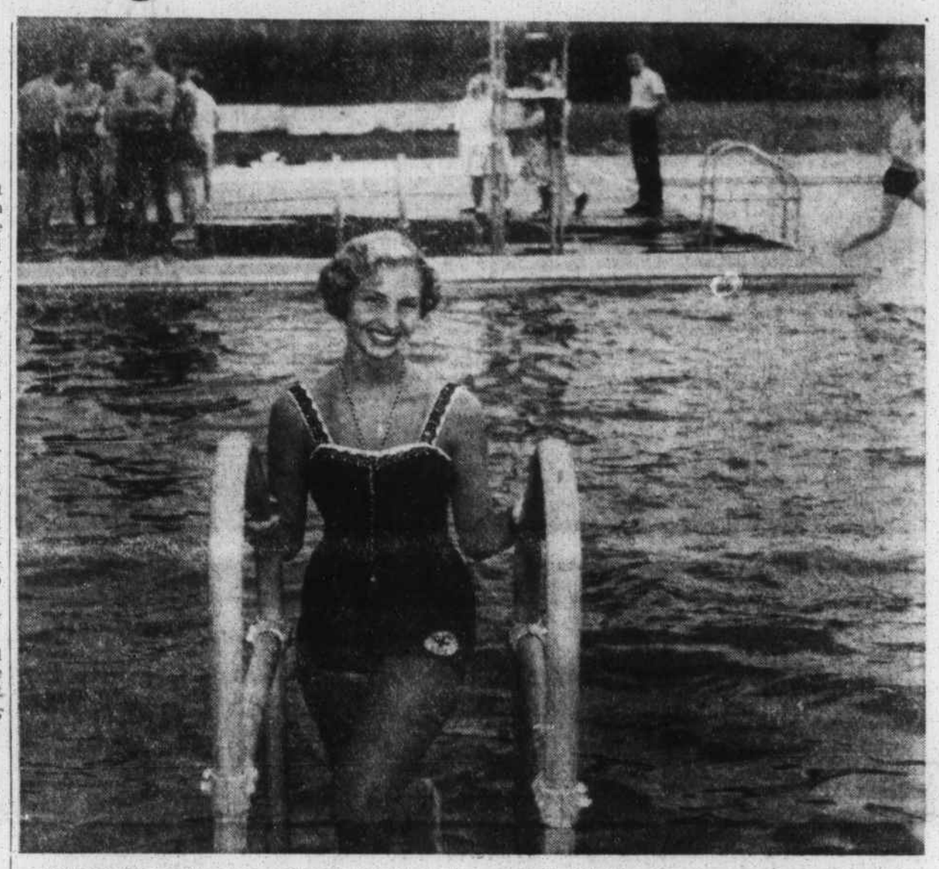

OFFICIALLY pretty Pan Parkman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parkman of Waynesville, is a lifeguard at the new Recreation Center swimming pool. Unofficially, Pan also makes a mighty fetching bathing beauty. (Mountaineer Photo).

Dayton Rubber 10-Year Club To Hold Dinner 8th

The Dayton Rubber Company Ten Year Club will hold its third annual party Saturday at Camp Hope. Activities will begin at 3:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:30 p.m. in the main hall.

Te be a member of the Ten Year Club, one must have ten or more years of service with The Dayton Rubber Company. After the 39 new members are initiated this year, the membership will be over 200.

A full evening of entertainment has been planned by the entertainment committee. Mrs. Lucille Medford and Mrs. Fannie Garrett have arranged for a number of variety

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Ferguson Is Awarded Scholarship

Bernard Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ferguson of Fines Creek, has been awarded a $600 scholarship to N. C. State College by the Chilean Nitrate Co., according to an announcement by L. R. Harrill of Raleigh, state 4-H Club leader.

A 1956 graduate of Fines Creek High School, Bernard has been attending summer school at State College.

He has been in 4-H Club work for eight years, has completed 32 projects, was county project winner 13 times, district winner twice, and state winner in tobacco in 1953, when he attended the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

Bernard was president of the 4-H County Council in 1955 and participated in Exchange Club programs with Massachusetts and Colorado 4-H'ers.

At Fines Creek High School, he was a member of the Beta Club and the Monogram Club. He also is active in church work and has served as president of the Baptist Training Union.

DR. LANCASTER COMFORTABLE

Latest news from the bedside of Dr. N. F. Lancaster is that he is resting "comfortably" at Mission Hospital, Asheville, where he is a patient, suffering from a heart attack.

Mrs. Patrick Dies Following Long Illness

Mrs. J. C. Patrick of Waynesville died Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in an Asheville hospital following a long illness. She was 59.

A teacher in the Science Department of the Waynesville Township High School for 30 years, she had retired this year. She and her husband owned and operated the Shamrock Motor Court here.

Mrs. Patrick was the former Marie Pendergrass, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pendergrass of Franklin. She came to Waynesville in 1923.

She was a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City,

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Three Hurt When Two Cars Crash In East Pigeon

Three persons — including Superintendent of Schools Lawrence B. Leatherwood — suffered injuries in a head-on collision of two cars on U. S. Highway 276 in East Pigeon community in front of Singleton's Grocery.

Leatherwood received facial lacerations, while his paggenger, Jack McCracken, a member of the Haywood County Board of Education, also suffered cuts on the face and a dislocated hip. McCracken was hurt when the force of the impact threw his head against the

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Pool Will Close For Season 9th

The swimming pool which opened Monday will close Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m., Richard Bradley, president of the Recreation Development Commission said today.

"We find it necessary to close, after a glorious week, in order that the contractor can finish pouring the decks and build the wading pool," Bradley said.

The fence around the pool is slated for completion today. About 10 days work will be required to complete the decks and wading pool.

The pool will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, with lifeguards on duty during those hours.

Bradley said about 450 enjoyed the pool opening day, and large numbers Tuesday and Wednesday, even in view of the cooler weather.

No charges have been made for the pool this year, which was rushed to completion for the Labor Day.

Singing Set Sunday Night At Balsam

There will be a singing at the Balsam Baptist Church, Sunday night, 7 p.m.

Louis M. Ensley has announced that all singers and the public are invited.

Haywood Ranks 56th In U. S. In Number Of Apple Trees

Haywood County ranks 56th in the United States in the number of apple trees, according to Sinclair Weeks, U. S. Secretary of Commerce.

The record of 1954 is the basis for the study which lists the 100 leading counties in number of trees of all ages. Haywood ranks 69th in the number of bushels of fruit produced.

Henderson County ranked 22nd in number of trees, and 40th in fruit production.

The record for Haywood showed 89,422 trees and a harvest of 251,635 bushels for 1954.

Election Officials Named For Saturday's Voting

The list of registrars and judges for the special election September 8 will have but few changes from that of the June voting, according to John R. Carver, chairman of the County Board of Elections.

The polls will be open all day Saturday, September 8, between 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., he said, and the balloting will be conducted just as though it were a regular general election.

Registrars and judges have been announced as follows, with the first name in each precinct that of the registrar; the second, the Demo-

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HODGES URGES VOTE

A telegram from Governor Luther Hodges was received here today by Sheriff Fred Fred Campbell and Superintendent of Schools Lawrence B. Leatherwood commending them for their part in endorsing Pearsall Plan proposals in connection with North Carolina's public schools.

Addressed to "Fred V. Campbell, Superintendent," the telegram read:

"Greatly appreciate your fine job for school and other amendments. Need final push to assure resounding victory Saturday for program to preserve our schools and our peace."

Dr. Clyde McCall Opens Practice Of Dentistry Here

Dr. Clyde N. McCall, DDS, formerly of Forest City, is opening a

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The Weather

Partly cloudy, warm and humid with scattered showers today. Friday, scattered showers, turning cooler in the afternoon or early evening.

Official Waynesville temperature as recorded by the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.	Pr.
Sept. 3	78	57	.77
Sept. 4	82	61	
Sept. 5	79	59	.05

LABOR DAY QUEEN Barbara Patton, and her court, as they appeared in the 50th annual Labor Day parade Monday. They were also in the Hendersonville parade that afternoon before more than 30,000 spectators. (Mountaineer Photo).

Five Miles Of Highway 441 To Be Re-Located In Park

Plans in the Park office call for relocating the first five miles of US 441 from Newfound Gap, south, it was learned from Supt. Edward L. Hummel, of the National Park Service.

The new highway will leave Newfound Gap and swing to the right and follow Thomas Ridge towards Cherokee for the five miles, and then back to the present highway, which will be improved for the remaining eight miles into Cherokee.

The highway project has top priority in the Park's "Mission 66" program.

The highway will be two lanes, Supt. Hummel said. Plans are to abandon the present road for the last five miles up the mountain after the new highway is completed.

Highway Record For 1956 In Haywood

(TO DATE)

Killed 3
(1955 — 1)

Injured 71
(1955 — 69)

Accidents .. 136
(1955 — 133)

Loss ... $43,375
(1955 — $53,486)

(This information compiled from records of State Highway Patrol.)

Be Sure To Vote! Polls Open Saturday At 6:30 A.M. And Close At 6:30 P.M.